

Summary of Key Messages from DESC on 5th October 2020

Outcomes

2.0 Seasonal Normal Review 2020

- DESC were presented with the final updates in relation to the Seasonal Normal Review. The new Composite Weather Variable (CWV) formula, which now includes a Solar Radiation term, successfully went live on 1st October 2020.

The new Seasonal Normal view of weather (SNCWV) is also now effective and all AQs calculated from 1st October 2020 reflect the new basis.

This now concludes DESC's UNC Section H obligations to review the CWV and SNCWV, which is typically performed every 5 years. There will be regular monitoring of the new values and their effectiveness and this will be updated at DESC periodically.

For information on the Seasonal Normal Review process and where to find supporting data please take a look at the CDSP's final Seasonal Normal Review news article [here](#)

3.0 NDM Sample Update

- DESC were presented with the current view of the number of sample points expected to be available for the process which assesses the performance of the EUC demand models in Gas Year 2019/20. The main 'gap' is for the Domestic Pre-payment sector which is needed this year if DESC are able to validate the implementation of additional EUCs in Bands 1 and 2 from Gas Year 2019/20.
- The CDSP referred to the UNC obligation that is now placed on qualifying Shippers to provide sample data to support the Demand Estimation modelling. More information [here](#).

4.0 Review of NDM Algorithm

- DESC were presented with the CDSP's proposed approach for an early consultation with the wider industry on the future of the NDM Algorithm. The objective is to find out the appetite for change and avoid wasted effort for DESC by potentially eliminating options early which are not supported or desired by the industry. DESC supported the proposed approach.